mercial vehicles manufacturers faced severe constraints in the recent past on account of high cost and low production. This situation was aggravated by unforseen and unexpected factors like the steep appreciation of the Japanese Yen, particularly when these units were in the initial phase of commercial production and had not fully absorbed the manufacturing technology. It is in this background Government reduced the excise duty to 10 per cent *ad valorem*, for fuel efficient light commercial vehicles of payload not exceeding 4000 Kgs. It is expected that with fiscal incentives the units would be able to overcome severe financial constraints and achieve the approved indigenisation programme which would make the unity viable. It is also expected that with faster indigenisation, the impact of appreciation of the Japanese Yen would be reduced and the manufacturers would be able to offer reasonable prices to the customer.

**SC/ST Judges in Courts**

607. SHRI HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe persons in the posts of judges in subordinate courts and various High Courts of the country;

(b) what steps Government propose to take to increase the number of judges belonging to these communities; and

(c) whether Government propose to hold any special recruitment for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) The complete and up-to-date information is awaited from the State/Union Territory Governments and High Courts.

Responsibility for appointments to the subordinate judiciary is that of the State Governments. As regards the High Courts, the Chief Ministers were addressed to recommend the names of persons belonging to SC/ST while making their recommendations for appointment of judges to the High Courts.

**Allotment of Maruti Cars**

608. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maruti Cars are allotted to government officers for their private use, on priority and out of turn basis, if their rank is equal to or above the Additional Secretary to Government of India;

(b) how many allotments have been made to such Government officers indicating their names and ranks; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not alloting Maruti Cars to members of Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) and (c) Allotment of Maruti vehicles out of manufacturers' quota is regulated in accordance with the guidelines laid down by Supreme Court of India as per enclosed statement. (*See* below).

(b) It will not be an appropriate commercial practice to disclose particulars of transactions between Maruti Udyog Ltd. and its customers.

**Statement**

As per guidelines laid down by the Supreme Court, allotment of Maruti vehicles out of the manufacturers' quota is to be made in favour of the following categories only:—

I. Any organisation/institution coming within the definition of "State" under Article 12 of the Constitution of India.

II. Any hospital or recognised charitable organisation or educational institutions registered or incorporated under a statute or having recognition under section 80-G of the Indian Income Tax Act, 1961.

III. *Individuals*

1. An individual suffering from physical handicap so as to render him incapable or using public transport would be eligible for allotment provided his income togetherwith the income of his or her spouse or his or her guardian does not exceed Rs. 60,000/- per year.

2. The President of India, Vice-President of India, Cabinet Ministers, Ministers of State in the Union Cabinet or Governors of States and Cabinet Ministers in State Governments, the Chairman of Public Service Commission, the Chief Election Commissioner, the Auditor & Comptroller General of India and the Attorney General of India.

3. The Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha, the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Speakers of State Legislative Assemblies, Chairpersons of State Legislative Councils and Leaders of Opposition parties in Parliament and in the State Legislatures.

4. The Chief Justice and other Judges of the Supreme Court and the Chief Justice and other Judges of the High Courts.

5. Public Servants not below the rank of Additional Secretary to the Government of India.

6. Serving Members of the Armed forces not below the rank of Brigadier in the Army or equivalent rank in the Navy or the Air Force.

7. Manufacturers of Component parts for utilisation in the manufacture of Maruti Vehicles. The member of this category will be restricted to ten per year.

8. Employees of Maruti Udyog Ltd., limited to fifty vehicles per year.

9. Individuals in recognition of their outstanding humanitarian services to the society or to the Nation. The number of this category will be restricted to ten per year.

10. Individual cases of undue hardship on humanitarian grounds. The number in this category will be restricted to five per year.

IV. Error Category *i.e.* individuals whose applications for regular allotment could not be registered on account of any genuine error.

**Shehri Nayayalayas**

609. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

SHRI M. KADHARSHA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce Shehri Nayayalayas on the pattern of 'Gram Nayayalayas' to secure speedy justice to public; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

**Violations of Company Laws**

610. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there has been an increase in the violation of Company Laws;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps Government propose to take in the matter; and

(c) what is the number of registered companies working in Delhi and names of those companies against whom cases for violation of provisions of company law are pending and since when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.